

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4350–4358 were introduced. **Page H222**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H223**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation, by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 188 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 33.

Pages H181–H200, H200–10

Rejected the McCollum motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 32.

Pages H207–09

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–38 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to make an exception from the bill’s required showings for class certification for claims for monetary relief against the perpetrator of a terrorist attack by victims of such attack (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 23);

Pages H190–91, H201–02

Conyers amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to make an exception from the bill’s required showings for class certification for claims for monetary relief pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 24);

Pages H191–92, H202

Deutch amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to create an exception for claims brought by a gun owner seeking monetary relief involving the defective design or manufacturing of a firearm (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 25);

Pages H192–93, H202–03

Moore amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to exempt causes of action arising under the Fair Housing Act or the Equal Credit Opportunity Act from the bill’s requirements (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 26);

Pages H193, H203–04

Moore amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to exempt causes of action arising from a pay equity claim under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or the Equal Pay Act from the requirements of the bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 27);

Pages H193–94, H204

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to create an exception for claims brought by students, service members and veterans seeking relief from institutions of higher education that have engaged in fraudulent activities and unfair practices (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 28);

Pages H194–95, H204–05

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to strike the “scope”

and “economic loss” language from the bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 223 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 29);

Pages H195–96, H205–06

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to provide litigants in a pending class action access to information held in a trust that is directly related to a plaintiff’s claim for asbestos exposure (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 30); and

Pages H196–99, H206

Nadler amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that sought to replace the bill’s requirement for asbestos trusts to disclose detailed personal information with aggregate reporting of demands received and payments made by the trusts (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 31).

Pages H200–01, 206–07

Withdrawn:

Cohen amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–389) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have made an exception from the bill’s required showings for class certification for claims for monetary relief arising from a foreign-made product.

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H. Res. 581, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927), was agreed to yesterday, January 7th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, January 11th for Morning Hour debate.

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Presidential Veto Message—Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 114–91).

Pages H210–11

The House agreed by voice vote to the Scalise motion to postpone further consideration of the veto message and the bill until the legislative day of January 26, 2016.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H201–02, H202, H203, H203–04, H204, H205, H205–06, H206, H207, H208–09 and H209. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EFFECTS OF REDUCED INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASE OPERATING SUPPORT INVESTMENTS ON NAVY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Navy Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Dixon Smith, USN, Commander, Navy Installations Command; Rear Admiral Mary Jackson, USN, Commander, Navy Region Southeast; and Captain Louis Schager, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana.

CYBER SECURITY: WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN LEARN FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “Cyber Security: What the Federal Government Can Learn from the Private Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1644, the “STREAM Act”; H.R. 3662, the “Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act”; and S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “SBA’s Office of International Trade: Good for Business?”, 4 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, January 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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